---"Series of 1897"- SNUFF - 458 x 19 mm. - "NOT MORE THAN *40%* MOISTURE" ---

--- RS-55 - 10 Pounds - recess printed in BLACK ink ---

--- coarse roulette - on horizontal mesh wove - with 4½ mm. red controls ---

--- with the 24 mm. "AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. OTTAWA" **imprint - scanned at 35% scale ---**

Budget of 1891	SNUFF "Not more than 40% moisture"	- 25¢ per pound
	SNUFF "Over 40% moisture"	- 18¢ per pound
	SNUFF "Over 40% moisture" & less than 5 pounds	- 25¢ per pound

The *Not more than 40% moisture* strips represents an *excise duty* of $2.50 per ten pound package.

Budget of 1908 dropped the moisture specification, and decreased the *excise duty* on SNUFF to 5¢ per pound thus 50¢ on a ten pound package.

--- not more than 40% moisture ---

★**RS-55 SP** - 10 pounds, black, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove, control number **137217**, stamped ***Sample*** twice in purple script

★**RS-55** - 10 pounds, black, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove, control number **135355**

135355★	RS-55	10 pounds, black, coarse roulette, on unwatermarked horizontal mesh wove
137217★	RS-55 SP	10 pounds, black, coarse roulette, on unwatermarked horizontal mesh wove, stamped ***Sample*** twice in purple script

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★**RS-55n** - 10 pounds, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove, without control numbering

★**RS-55n / CRP** - 10 pounds, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove, without control numbering, stamped **CANCELLED** and **Registered** in violet ink

★**RS-55n SP** - 10 pounds, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove, without control numbering, rollered **TOBACCO / A-20** by the tobacco merchant "A. Bates & Co.", Ottawa

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--- 10 Pounds - Die Proof [CANADA - F - 100 **] - recess printed in black ink ---**

--- inscribed "NOT MORE THAN *40%* MOISTURE" ---

--- with the 24 mm. "AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. OTTAWA**" imprint - scanned at 60% scale ---**

★**RS-55 DP** - 10 pounds, black die proof "CANADA - F - 100" on heavy wove paper
a two-piece die proof - 292 and 164 mm. sections - the left end is broken - scanned at 60% scale

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In a memorandum to *D. Sims, Esq.* (Deputy Minister of National Revenue, Customs and Excise) dated June 14th 1944, *L. A. White* and *C.R. Coombs* record the destruction of die No. F-100 for the "Series of 1915" ten pound "Not More than 10% Moisture" snuff strip. This may be a mistake as can be seen above ABN die F-100 was prepared in the "Series of 1897".

In a memorandum to *D. Sims, Esq.* (Deputy Minister of National Revenue, Customs and Excise) dated June 8th 1944, *L. A. White* and *C.R. Coombs* record the destruction of the ABN plate No. 2 for the "Series of 1897" ten pound "Not More than 40% Moisture" snuff strip. The plate was defaced, and subsequently delivered to the "Royal Canadian Mint" for re-cycling.

These paragraphs are taken from information supplied by Chris Ryan

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